

ESCAPE OF AMMONIA AT BILLINGHAM

DEATH ROLL NOW 11

The death roll from the escape of ammonia at Billingham, Stockton-on-Tees, rose to 10 on Saturday, and to 11 yesterday. The joint funeral of two of the men, Horace Anderson and Thomas W. Robinson, took place at Billingham on Saturday afternoon. The whole district was in mourning. Directors of Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, and representatives of the local council attended, and the Bishop of Durham (Dr. Henson) came specially to take part in the service at St. Cuthbert's Church. On the same afternoon the funeral of William Crawford, another of the victims, took place at Oxbridge Cemetery, and was largely attended.

Earlier in the day the Stockton coroner opened an inquest at Billingham on the bodies of CHARLES SADLER and ROBERT H. BLOW, both of whom have died in the North Riding Infirmary, Middlesbrough, and WILLIAM H. SMETHAM, who died in Stockton Hospital. Only evidence of identification was given, and the inquiry was adjourned to May 4. A tribute to the services of the staff at the North Riding Infirmary was paid by Blow's brother, who said that on behalf of his family he desired to express thanks to the staff for all that they had done.

All activities of the Synthonia Club, Billingham, which is run by the workmen, have been suspended. A boxing tournament had been arranged for to-night, when Sir Harry McGowan, chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, was to have presented long service awards.

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